



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado received below average amounts of precipitation last week. Overall, snowpack is down 1 percent from the previous week to 126 percent of the State average. Temperatures across the state were at or above average for this time of year. Farmers were allowed 4.1 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	14	27	50	9
Last Week	14	26	49	11
Last Year	1	7	74	18

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	11	29	54	6
Last Week	11	24	56	9
Last Year	9	15	61	16

Field Crops: Winter wheat was 8 percent pastured last week, with the crop rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring barley was 2 percent seeded by week's end, which is behind the 5-year average of 9 percent. Dry onions were 4 percent planted and spring wheat was 1 percent seeded.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 16, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	11	20	38	25	6
Last Year	1	3	14	42	41

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly fair to poor across the State. The above-average levels of snowpack in the mountains are keeping ranchers hopeful for conditions to improve during the growing season.

Livestock: Forty-two percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 34 percent of the ewes have lambed during the same time frame. Both are 2 percent ahead of the 5-year average. Death losses for cattle were rated at average for the week and sheep were slightly above average. Stored feed supplies are rated at average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 16, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	7	25	45	23	0
Prev. Year – 2007	8	30	35	24	3
5-Year Avg.	21	26	35	17	1

Spring 2008 Calving and Lambing

	2008	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	42	40
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	34	32

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Development Ratings for Week Ending March 16, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat Pastured	8	6	8	6
Spring Barley Seeded	2	1	2	9
Dry Onions Planted	4	N/A	0	10
Spring Wheat Planted	1	N/A	0	0

COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	11	20	38	25	6
Livestock	2	4	24	58	12

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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